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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7078**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1343

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 7, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Communications and Public Safety Answering Points.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Hinkle

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Division of Preparedness and Training within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop a training program to standardize the communications codes used by all dispatchers and public safety providers in Indiana by July 1, 2009. The bill authorizes the use of money in the Emergency Management Fund to pay for the training program.

The bill also requires local governments to consolidate public safety answering points (PSAPs) so that each county contains no more than one PSAP by July 1, 2009.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill provides that money in the Emergency Management Fund must be used to pay for the training program which includes the standardization of the communications codes used by all dispatchers and providers. Existing law is more general and specifies that money in the fund must be used for agency purposes. As of January 1, 2006, the fund had a balance of \$157,351.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Requiring local governments to consolidate public safety answering points so that each county contains no more than one will reduce expenditures if the consolidation eliminates duplication of efforts and improves efficiencies. The impact will depend on existing structures and will vary from unit to unit.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DHS.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties.

**Information Sources:**

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